



MRS. SAMUEL CLARK JAMES  
... former Judith Carole Alexander

## Alexander-James Vows Exchanged

Miss Judith Carole Alexander exchanged wedding vows with Samuel Clark James in a ceremony performed at 1 p. m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at First Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Alexander of 18808 Arlington Ave., and her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Freeman of 5934 Los Arcos Way, Buena Park.

For her wedding the bride selected a gown of white silk peau de soie and chantilly lace, fashioned with a scalloped neckline. Her bouquet was of white orchids, stephanotis and lily of the valley.

She was given in marriage by her father. Maid of honor was Miss Myra McCartney, who was dressed in deep pink peau

de soie. The bridesmaids, the Misses Barbara and Donna Alexander, wore pale pink and pale green floor-length gowns of peau de soie. They carried bouquets of stephanotis and carnations.

The mother of the bride wore a blue silk sheath and mother of the bridegroom chose a pink silk suit.

A reception at the home of the bride's parents followed the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of North High School and is employed by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Los Angeles. A graduate of Phineas Banning High School in Wilmington, the bridegroom is employed by Pittsburg Paint and Glass Co., Torrance.

The couple is at home at 1621 W. 226th St., Torrance.

## Circle Discusses Missionary Work

Susanna Circle of Torrance First Methodist Church met Thursday, Feb. 7 at the home of Mrs. Robert Dean of 2011 W. 182nd St. Questions were posed by Mrs. William Kline.

"Northern Light," a missionary report dealing with the work of the Woman's Division in Alaska, was given by Mrs. Howard Kell. Presented by Mrs. James McClure, the program was in the form of a news interview with Mrs. McClure taking the part of the executive director of the Homer Toberman Settlement House in San Pedro.

Circle members acted as reporters and asked questions concerning the origin, history and purpose of the

Settlement House. Cocoa and cake mixes were brought to the next general meeting to be donated to the settlement house.

Following a short business meeting, luncheon was served. Mrs. Walter Bennett assisted the hostess.

Those present included: Miss Ora Donaldson and the Mes. Harlan McCool, Hazel Wiley, Chester Wiley, Ray Raible, Howard Keel, Walter Bennett, Clara Witmer, Lew Broatch, Edward Goodell, Robert Dean, Virgil Popay, Roy Gores, William Kline, Keith Lyons and James McClure.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 7 at the home of Mrs. Kline with Miss Donaldson assisting.

## Winners Named In Art Contest

Several hundred persons viewed an art exhibition sponsored by the Palette Club held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 2 and 3, in the show room of the Clausen Community Furniture Co. in Wilmington. There were 107 paintings on display, including nine water colors, one tempera and 97 oil paintings.

Winning paintings were chosen by ballot, by the viewing public.

First and second place went to Sonoma Robinson for her painting, "Seacape" and "Desert Morning." Third place was won by Helen Galvez for her painting, "Igorot."

First honorable mention went to Mary Everett for her seaside scene, "Moss Landing." Second honorable mention was won by Edna Bailey, and third honorable mention went to Lois Henry for her still life, "Bean Pot."

Others showing pictures were: Selma Servidio, Raymond J. Acosta, A. L. Woodin, Esmond Lasswell, Frieda Roth, Betha Weeks, Rosemary Sawyer, Grace Hoxworth, Dydia Lofthus, Leland Hall, Neale B. Henry, Rebecca Inman, Jaunetta Snow, Bertha Hutchison, Marilyn Lofthus, and Emma

# Women

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## Torrance Family Counts Blessings of Adoption

"Our children have given for more to us than we have given to them," states Mrs. Joseph Blaikie of 5523 Halison St., Torrance, whose capacity for providing a loving home was key factor in her qualifying to adopt her two-and-a-half year old daughter, Marsha, two years ago through the Children's Home Society.

Joys of adoptive parenthood have been twofold for Mrs. Blaikie, who adopted her son, Spencer, now an energetic red-headed six-year-old, while residing in Alaska.

Wed in 1945, the Blaikies first began to think of adoption after efforts at natural parenthood for almost ten years proved fruitless. At the time they were residing in Anchorage where Mr. Blaikie was employed at a radio mechanic.

Life in Alaska was primitive, but rewarding. Neighbors helped one another cut down trees to clear space to homestead, and building a home was a long-range do-it yourself pay-as-you-go project. People took one another at face value.

In such a society, a woman felt her role was to make a home for her husband and children. Although Mrs. Blaikie had carved out a successful career as an accountant for herself, she knew it wasn't what she really wanted out of life.

Adoption was a difficult task in Alaska. There were no agencies to turn to and private adoptions were risky and scarce. The next best bet seemed to be writing to agencies in Canada and Seattle. The Blaikies tried that and found there were two alternatives — putting their name on long lists which would involve years of waiting or taking in an Indian child.

They decided to try another approach. A native of Washington, Mrs. Blaikie had an aunt in Seattle who had a friend who had successfully arranged for private adoption. Under the circumstances this seemed to be the most practical solution. Through personal contacts arrangements were made, and one day in 1956 Mrs. Blaikie flew down to pick up her eight-day old son.

When Spencer was three years old the Blaikies returned to the states due to a job transfer. After renting a house in Inglewood three months, they bought their present home in Torrance and immediately put in an application with Children's Home Society to adopt a second child.

Within the month the Blaikies received an invitation from the agency to come down for a group interview with other prospective adoptive parents. At the interview they learned that the agency's prime concern was the welfare of its babies. Income or homeownership were not important factors. Neither was age. Nor did it matter if a couple already had children of their own, either by birth or by adoption. They learned that for loving, would-be parents, adoption in California is both easy and speedy. Most adoptions, they were told, took place within six months of the initial interview.

Following the group interview applicants were screened privately. After filling out the formal application and taking the required physical examination, the Blaikies were assigned a private caseworker who visited them five times during the months that followed. There were interviews with the family as a unit, and interviews with the husband and wife individually.

Purpose of the interviews is to gain insight into the family's attitude on life. This was the basis on which the agency judged whether or not a family qualified to adopt a child. Less than a year after the initial interview the Blaikies were informed that blue-eyed blond-haired Marsha, who was seven weeks old at the time, would be theirs. Although their experiences in their first adoption were successful, Mrs. Blaikie recommends that prospective adoptive parents make their arrangements through an agency. She feels that in addition to being less expensive, it is easier and there is less worry involved. She considers the anonymity provided by agency adoption a major advantage.

Evidence of her faith in Children's Home Society is her active participation in Sir Beaumont Auxiliary, one of the society's many volunteer auxiliaries dedicated to raising funds and spreading knowledge of the work of the agency. Backed by community chest, the society handles cases in this area at its Long Beach branch office, located at 125 E. 14th St., according to Mrs. Blaikie.

As fond of sewing as she is of cooking or reading, Mrs. Blaikie plans to embroider a sampler one of these days which will repeat in needlepoint the words of her favorite poem, "The Answer," by Fluer Conkling Heylinger.

"Not flesh of my bone, nor bone of my bone But still miraculously my own. Never forget for a single minute You didn't grow under my heart, but in it."



ENJOYING COOKIES are Spencer and Marsha Blaikie, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blaikie of Torrance, pictured with their mother in their home at 5523 Halison St. The

Blaikie family has known the joys of family life as a result of their experiences as an adoptive family.

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### NOTE BIRTHDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nowlin recently entertained at their home, at S. Figueroa, Torrance, in celebration of Mrs. Lee Nowlin's and Mr. Jack Vargo's birthdays. Games were played, followed by refreshments.

Those present were: Messrs. and Meses. Marc Kirkpatrick, Nappy Gaudaire, William Killian, Lane Hoffman, Walter Smith, Jack Vargo and Ruby Kibbe.

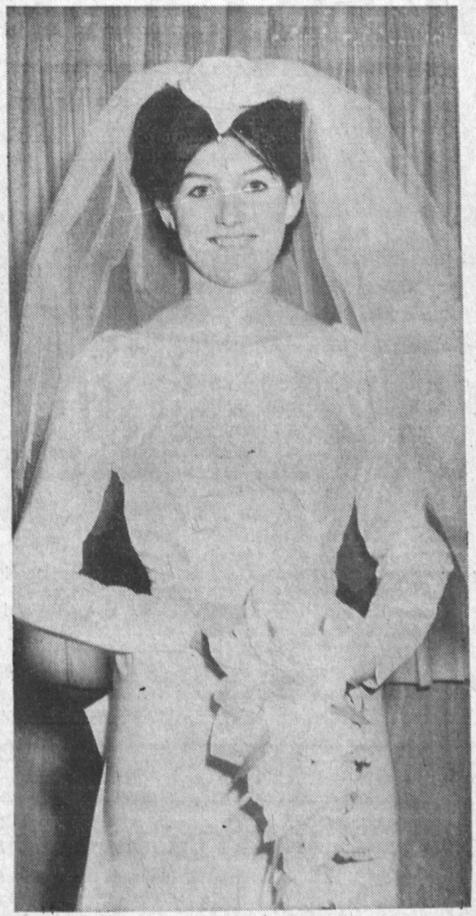
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After the closing of the show, a dinner was held at an area restaurant and ballots were counted.

Attending the dinner were: Rebecca Inman, Helen Galvez, Lydia Lofthus, Mr. and Mrs. Neale Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Neale Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoxworth, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Snow, Rosemary Sawyer, Bertha Weeks, President

Leland Hall, Bertha Hutchison, and Mr. and Mrs. George Howe.

Next show for the Palette Club is scheduled for June to be held in another part of the harbor area. Club meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at 8 p.m. in the club room at Wilhall, Neptune and D Sts., in Wilmington. All area artists have been invited to join the group.



MRS. PAUL ROBERT CAIN  
... former Terry Lee Hokuf

## Terry Hokuf Weds Paul Cain

Miss Terry Lee Hokuf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron B. Hokuf of 19324 Caney Ave., Gardena, became the bride of Paul Robert Cain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Schultz of 7203 Duchess Dr., Whittier, in a double-ring ceremony performed Saturday evening, Feb. 9, at First Methodist Church of Torrance.

Baskets of white mums and carnations flanked the altar for the candlelight ceremony.

Escorted by her father, the bride was dressed in a white delustered satin and Alecon lace floor-length sheath fashioned with wrist-length sleeves, panel skirt and chapel train. A shoulder length veil fell from a white satin rosette headpiece featuring a dewdrop pearl above the forehead. She carried a cascade bouquet of white callielias and lily of the valley.

Mrs. James Mariano, matron of honor, was attired in an emerald green satin street length dress with bell-shaped skirt and matching pillbox hat, veil and shoes. Crescent shaped white and coral glamelias fashioned her bouquet.

Laurel Hukof was flower girl. She wore a Nile green

nylon full-skirted dress with matching eyelet jacket and Nile green shoes.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Roberta Hokuf, Patricia Cain, Sharon Morgan and Joann Peters. Ushers included Miles Hokuf, Gregory Hokuf, Wayne Vergin and Harold Olsson. Craig Heron was best man.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Hokuf wore a muted blue flowered chiffon sheath with a back cape veil and matching shoes. The mother of the bridegroom selected a light blue brocade street-length dress with a bell-shaped skirt and white hat.

Roberta Hokuf sang "Because" and "Through the Years."

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the annex. Joann Hokuf presided at the guest book.

A graduate of Leuzinger High School, the bride is employed at Ace Hi Modern Furniture and is a member of Job's Daughters.

The bridegroom, who was graduated from Washington High School, is an employe of Golden Crust Bakery.

After a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas, the newlyweds are at home in Gardena.

## PTA News

### FOUNDER'S DAY

Fern - Greenwood PTA held its annual Founder's Day program at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, in the school cafeteria. Michael Medved, Founders' Day and music chairman, had charge of the program which was entitled "Tin Types — Then and Now."

It featured a parade of memories in song and fashion, covering the 66 years since PTA was founded.

Mrs. E. O. Erickson, Ways and Means chairman, announced that a paper and rag drive will be held at the school on Friday, March 29.

### OLD TIME FASHION SHOW

Columbia PTA met at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria, for their "Founder's Day Program." The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of Boy Scout Troop No. 777.

Program included the Goodwill Old Time Fashion Show, with mothers as models.

Hostesses for the evening were parents of Rooms 3,

4 and 5.

The Columbia PTA Executive Board, at their February meeting, honored Mrs. Richard Farnsworth, Columbia School clerk, who is resigning her position.

Following a "potluck" dinner at the home of Mrs. Joseph Kettering, first vice president, the board presented Mrs. Farnsworth with two gifts.

### GLOTHING DELIVERED

Lomita-San Pedro Council recently received word that the USS Topeka had arrived at its destination in time for Christmas bearing warm clothing, soap, medical and general hospital supplies; the gifts collected in May 1962 by local PTA's within the Lomita-San Pedro Council.

According to the commanding officer aboard the USS Topeka, the shipment went to two children's hospitals, an orphanage and a wing of a tubercular hospital in Korea.

Local PTA's participating in this project included: 223rd St., Barton Hill, Crestwood, Harbor City Elementary, Seventh St., South Shores, White Point, 259th Place and Gulf Ave. PTA.